contained within said water tight enclosure, said closure plate being shaped to conform to the curvature of the back of a user of the apparatus, and said air tank being disposed on the exterior of said shell.

Claim 8, line 3 after "to" insert - the back of -

## REMARKS

This amendment is filed in connection with the accompanying continued prosecution application filed under 35 USC 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d). Therefore, examination of amended claims 1-8 on the merits is requested.

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